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Hurricane preparedness town meeting

The Palm Beach County Chapter of the American Red Cross, Glades Area Branch will present a town meeting on hurricane preparedness on Tuesday, June 20 at 7 p.m. at the Belle Glade Campus of Palm Beach Community College in room 122.

Experts from state, county and federal government will be available for questions and answers regarding any concerns the public may have pertaining to Red Cross shelters, what to do with animals, how to protect your home, and questions concerning the Herbert Hoover Dike.

Please call Mary Blakeney, Glades area branch manager at 982-9703 for more information.

Kids N The Park

Non-Perishable Ministries is hosting a "Kids N The Park" Summer Bible Club from June 10 through July 31 in South Bay in the Community Center Building. The event will be from 10 a.m. until noon each day and is open to children ages 5 to 12.

The Summer Bible Club is free and open to the community.

For more information, call Pam Combs at 561-336-2397.

Water Quality

The first part of this month the City of Belle Glade mailed out the 1999 Consumer Confidence Report, an annual drinking water quality report to all consumers.

Anyone interested in additional copies may pick them up at city hall or the water treatment plant.

For more information, call 986-0100.

Vacation Bible School

Pahokee First United Methodist Church will be hosting Vacation Bible School beginning Monday, June 12 and continuing through Friday, June 16.

The event is open to children four years old up to sixth grade students. Registration is Monday, beginning at 8:30 p.m.

For more information call Cathy Mahoney at 924-7241.

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Lake Level

June 6
12.29 ft. above
sea level

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An special ceremony to recognize the upcoming Stand for Children Week was held during Monday night's Belle Glade City Commission meeting. Sandra Daniels lighted candles while Cory Wilkerson explained the various activities planned for this week, including a Children's Day in the Park at Lakeshore Park on Saturday from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

It smells bad, but city officials say tap water is safe to drink

Water in Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay has odor, bad taste

By Brenda Bunting

Assurances from Mayor Harna Miller that the water is safe to drink didn't put Eva Harris' mind at ease at Monday night's commission meeting.

"I'm not drinking it," she

said. "Our water bills have doubled and I can't cook with it and I can't bath in it," she told the commission.

Residents in Belle Glade, Pahokee and South Bay have been complaining for the past two weeks about the water quality, say city officials.

"We get lots of complaints when the water gets this bad," said Tommy Cone, director of public services for the City of

Belle Glade. "But, the water is safe to drink. The health department is monitoring our water and we are taking extra samples," he noted.

The cause of the odor and taste of the water is attributed to a blue-green algae bloom on Lake Okeechobee.

"It's that time of the year," said Pahokee City Manager Ken Schenck, who said he was

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New district five commander vows to address crime problems in Glades

By Tracy Whirls

Associate Editor

A native of Puerto Rico, Captain Jose Antonio "Tony" Figueroa's family moved to Belle Glade in 1956 when he was ten years old. He graduated from Belle Glade High School in 1964. After three years in the army, including a tour of duty in Vietnam, Captain Figueroa returned to Belle Glade and joined the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office in January 1970, and began his 31st year with the agency this year. He returned "home" to Belle Glade in March as the new District V commander.

"My primary goal here is to maintain or improve the working relationship between the sheriff's office and the municipalities," Captain Figueroa said.

"We all have a lot of the same problems and we want to do whatever it takes to get the job done." The captain wants to take an interagency approach to combating juvenile crime, domestic violence, drugs and other problems in the Glades.

The new Glades area commander has a bachelor's



Captain Jose Figueroa

degree in criminal justice from Florida Atlantic University and completed graduate work at the Southern Police Institute at the University of Louisville. Having spent most of his career on the coast, including five and a half years with the organized crime unit, the captain's last assignment before coming to District 5 was heading up the community involvement team, which focuses on crime prevention programs such as the Citizens Observer Patrol (COPS), educational programs in schools and programs designed

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Belle Glade's city manager leaving

By Brenda Bunting

Editor

Reading from a prepared statement, Belle Glade City Manager W. Shelton Smith, 58, told city commissioners Monday night he was quitting to take a job in Dothan, Alabama.

Saying he was leaving with "mixed emotions," Mr. Smith said the move would allow him and his wife, Rachel, to be closer to their children and grandchildren.

"It's been tough at times, but I've enjoyed working here," he said in a telephone interview the next day. "This community is different. Everybody is so welcoming. We've made a lot of friends in the short time we've been here."

Mr. Smith's last day will be July 5. He will start as Dothan's city manager on July 10.

"That doesn't give us much time to prepare," he said, "but we'll manage." Mr. Smith was hired last year in February to take over the position of Belle Glade City Manager. He received a raise in September and was currently making \$74,900. He said the job in Dothan will pay \$89,000 annually and the town has a population of about 60,000.

He and his wife had just purchased a home in Belle Glade a few months ago. "Now, we'll have to sell this home and find a place

there," he said.

The job in Dothan was advertised in January of this year, said Mr. Smith. He applied for the position in March and "then I had just about forgotten about it until I got the call."

Noting that it takes several years to really make a difference in a community, he did say he felt some progress had been made during his tenure as Belle Glade's City Manager.

"We did a lot on the business park and we installed a new cellular phone system that has saved the city about \$1,000 a month."

He said he did not know who would handle his duties after he leaves until the city can hire a new city manager. "That will be up to the city commission," he said.

Commissioner Mary Ross Wilkerson said the commission will decide at a future commission meeting who will take over the duties of the city manager until a new manager can be hired. In the past, Belle Glade Chief of Police and Director of Public Safety Michael Miller has assumed the duties while the city sought a new city manager.

A special meeting has been called for Friday, June 9 at 3 p.m. by commissioners to discuss recruitment of a new city manager.

County to forgive taxes on condemned property

By Tracy Whirls

Palm Beach County Commissioner Tony Masilotti told members of the Pahokee Rotary Club at their regular noon meeting last Thursday that the county will release any

liens for back taxes levied against condemned properties in Pahokee to enable the city to move forward with urban revitalization.

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Belle Glade Police make several burglary arrests

By Brenda Bunting

Editor

Members of the Belle Glade Police Department have made several burglary arrests the past two weeks. Many of those arrested have prior burglary convictions, said Det. Angelo J. Tsasous.

Neighbors in the Northwest Avenue G area of Belle Glade alerted police about suspicious activity on May 23. K-9 Officer John P. Owens responded to the calls and found that a home at 25 N.W. Avenue G had been entered through a broken window. Officer Owens and K-9 dog "Boby" entered the home and ordered the intruders to come out, but they refused, and Boby was let loose. The dog helped capture Nathaniel Burroughs, 34. Another suspect, Andrew Harold, 40, was later arrested on June 1.

Both Burroughs and Harold have a history of burglary and property related crimes, said Lt. Sweet. Both are in jail without bond.

On the same day, Officer Wilmer Rodriguez was on patrol in the 1500 block of West Avenue A when he received a call about a suspicious person in the area and noticed a parked Lincoln Town Car with a suspended rear view mirror ornament moving inside the car.

Officer Rodriguez said he looked inside the vehicle and saw a man he recognized as Charles Matthew Bailey inside the car holding a knife.

Rodriguez and Sgt. T.D. Murray disarmed Bailey. He was found to have a crack cocaine pipe in his pants pocket. The officers also found two stolen car stereos in the back seat of the car.

Bailey, 30, was charged with burglary of a conveyance while armed and possession of narcotics paraphernalia.

On May 23, Officer Lyndean Peters answered a call to go to the new Lake Shore Middle School construction site at 425 West Canal Street North to investigate a suspicious incident complaint.

Officer Peters and Det. Gregory Burrus said they found that Terrance Robert Coffee, 30, had burglarized the new school to steal a pack of cigarettes and a cigarette lighter a construction worker had left in a corridor. Although workers at the new school also reported several expensive tools missing, none could be connected to Coffee. He was charged with burglary to an occupied structure and petty theft. He was taken to the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office West Detention Facility under no bond.

On March 30, Officer Thomas P. Juric and Det. Angelo J. Tsasous stopped Bobby Lee Turner, 45 after he was seen leaving a closed business area with a new garden rake and a bucket containing new tools. Turner told police he found the tools in a dumpster. The officers said they noticed the rake and other items had price tags still attached to them from The Paint Store and More. Turner also was carrying a knife and a crack pipe with cocaine residue in his pockets.

Turner, who also has an extensive past for burglary and other property crimes, was charged with armed burglary, carrying a concealed weapon by a convicted felon, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and petty theft. He was taken to jail without bond.

Police say assistance from citizens helped officers to make these arrests and they encourage residents to continue to report suspicious activity. Callers need not give their name.

"Working together with the community, the police department becomes more effective and makes the City of Belle Glade a safer and better place to live," said Det. Tsasous.



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Cholesterol confusion: the good, the bad and the ugly?



Katrina Elskin
Contributing Editor

Do you know your cholesterol level? Do you feel guilty if you don't? If you do know what your cholesterol level is, do you know what it means? *

The news is full of health studies warning Americans that high cholesterol levels can lead to heart disease and all sorts of other health ailments.

Then they talk about "bad" cholesterol and "good" cholesterol. Do you know which is which? There are many books on the market that explain the whole cholesterol issue. One of my favorites is "Low Fat Living," by Dr. Robert Cooper and Leslie Cooper.

Cholesterol is animal fat. Your body makes its own, and needs it to maintain health. But too much can be unhealthy. When people talk about cholesterol levels, they usually are referring to total cholesterol count. According to "Low Fat Living," a range of 180 to 190 milligrams per deciliter is an ideal total serum cholesterol.

But, the total number is not as important as the ratio of LDL (low density lipoprotein) to HDL (high density lipoprotein) and VLDL (very low density lipoprotein). The recommended ratio of LDL to HDL is below 4.6 for men and below 4.0 for women.

LDL is "bad" cholesterol. LDL sticks to the walls of the coronary arteries, contributing to the formation of plaque. The higher the LDL level, the greater the risk of heart disease, writes Dr. Cooper. HDL is the "good" kind of cholesterol. It takes the LDL away from the arteries and transports it elsewhere VLDL has some impor-

tant functions, but since it contributes to fat storage, I call it the "ugly" cholesterol. VLDL is manufactured by the liver to transport various fatty substances through the body, states "Low Fat Living." Triglycerides are among the substances transported. These are fatty acids that are stored by the body as fat. The higher the VLDL level, the more LDL the liver will produce.

If you are at risk of heart disease, a cholesterol level blood test is probably routine for you. Your doctor can explain the results.

But, if you're healthy and

just curious about your cholesterol level, your local blood bank will test you for free. All you have to do is donate blood. Cholesterol level testing is just one of the many tests run on all donated blood and blood banks provide the donors with the results of these tests. They want you to stay healthy so you can keep donating. And even if you are just donating to get a free cholesterol test, you might save someone's life by donating blood.

While diet plays a part in cholesterol level, researchers now say lifestyle factors are also important.

Regular exercise will lower

your cholesterol level.

Smoking cigarettes increases your cholesterol level.

Eating a whole grain cereal for breakfast can help lower your cholesterol level.

The type of oil you cook with can also make a difference. Olive oil and peanut oil promote the production of HDL, the "good" cholesterol.

Before making any changes in your diet and exercise plan, check with your own doctor. This is especially important if you are on prescription medication. Some foods that would otherwise be considered healthy interact badly with some medications.

ER Chronicles: Did you take anything, Shelly?



Arlen R. Stauffer, MD

By Arlen R. Stauffer, MD
Shelly was scared. "OK." Even though her face and neck were con-

verted and her shoulders and arms moved nonsensically. As another nurse joined them in the room, Phil moved Shelly awkwardly onto the stretcher. Phil pulled up the side-rails quickly.

"Shelly, have you taken any medicines or drugs today or tonight?" Shelly did not answer. Both shoulders pushed up and her head pulled back hard onto the sheet, arching her back up like the curve of a banana. Then the muscles relaxed again, but only briefly.

As the second nurse connected Shelly to the heart monitor wires and punched the button for an automatic blood pressure, Phil hustled toward the doctor. Emergency physician Tammy Cortez was finishing a tele-

phone conversation with the on-call neurosurgeon as Phil approached.

"Hey, Doc, there's something weird going on over here," he said, pointing to Room 12. "Take a look at this."

While leaning back in her chair, Cortez could see Shelly, her right arm flailing off the side of the bed. She moved quickly to this patient's side.

Within 10 seconds, Cortez noticed that Shelly was not having any difficulty breathing, and that she appeared to be wide-awake. She noted no signs of a head injury, and glanced at the normal blood pressure reading displayed on the monitor.

"Shelly, are you having any pain anywhere?" "Umm," Shelly whispered. "No."

As Phil inserted an intravenous line into Shelly's left arm, Cortez continued her questioning. Shelly denied any prior history of seizures or convulsions, or any recent injury or illness. She managed to shake her head when asked about any medicine allergies.

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"Shelly, are you on any medicines?" Shelly didn't speak as her head twisted to the side again.

Cortez leaned over, putting her face only a foot in front of Shelly's face. "Shelly, this is really important. I want to help you here, but you'll have to help me figure this out. Did you take anything today or tonight?" Silence.

"Phil, I think this is a drug reaction, a dystonic reaction of some sort," Cortez said as she looked back toward the nurse. "Let's try 50 milligrams of Benadryl in the IV."

As Phil pulled out a vial of Benadryl, Cortez moved close to Shelly again.

"Shelly, are you of any friends or family here?" A tear emerged from Shelly's right eye as that side of her face squeezed itself together.

"No." Her whisper was barely audible. Phil pushed the Benadryl into the IV line.

Cortez stayed by Shelly's side. She watched the breathing pattern, the heart monitor

screen, and the disjointed movements of the upper body and head. She saw another tear drop from the right cheek.

A calm seemed to settle over ER Room 12. Shelly appeared more relaxed; her muscle motions began quieting.

Within a few minutes, Shelly was lying perfectly still on the stretcher. She released a big sigh, then looked up toward Cortez, who was staring straight into her eyes.

Shelly grimaced, and her eyes assumed a pitiful air, as though she wanted to speak. "What is it, Shelly?" Cortez anticipated what was coming next.

"Well," she stammered as she looked over to the wall, "I...umm, did take a little pill tonight with my friends." Cortez nodded with a knowing look on her face, but didn't speak.

After a long minute of silence, with a quivering lip and more tears, Shelly turned her eyes back up to Cortez. "Don't tell my Mom about this," she whimpered. "Please."

"Extrapyramidal" reactions to certain types of drugs result from their blocking actions on dopaminergic receptors in the brain. Why certain people have such reactions while others do not is still somewhat of a mystery.

Dystonic reactions are a common form of extrapyramidal disorder that causes involuntary muscle contractions. Such muscle contractions often involve the neck, jaw, trunk, tongue, and eyes. On occasion, these reactions can also affect the airway, causing spasm that threatens the victims' life.

It is not uncommon for ER's in this country to see such victims after their "experimentation" with drugs in these particular categories.

Appropriate administration of medications will usually stop the reaction.

Dr. Stauffer, an emergency physician in New Smyrna Beach, is a member of the Florida College of Emergency Physicians. www.fceep.org

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Commissioner Maslotti noted that the city commission voted recently to return to the county system, which will enable the city to apply for community development block grants for housing rehabilitation and other projects.

Commissioner Maslotti praised Pahokee City Commissioner Hugh Branch and others for making code enforcement and revitalization their "mission." He noted that the city can release its own liens that have been levied against properties, and suggested that any fines collected for code enforcement violations could be used as a fund for demolition of condemned property.

Once property is condemned and cleared, the commissioner said, it can be sold and the monies from the sale used to continue the demolition/rehabilitation effort.

Commissioner Maslotti told club members "there are a lot of exciting things going on in the Glades."

"I want to say publicly that

Lt. Governor (Frank) Brogan was very good to us. Every project in the sixth district has been funded," Mr. Maslotti said.

Included in the recently approved legislative funding package:

Funds to convert the old Lake Shore Middle School in Belle Glade to a community center, which will offer job training to prepare local residents for job opportunities expected to be created through the construction of the Lake Okeechobee Scenic Trail, as well as youth activities in conjunction with the school district and the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office.

The continuing Pahokee sewer improvement project was approved for funding Tuesday, Commissioner Maslotti said, and a half a million dollars has been allocated to extend water and sewer service from Pahokee to Canal Point.

In addition to state funding, Commissioner Maslotti said the Palm Beach County Commission has approved funding to allow the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to hire 18

more road patrol deputies, some of whom will be assigned to the Glades.

"Things are actually going extremely well in the Glades. We have been fortunate to get money back to the Glades that hasn't been here," Mr. Maslotti said. "We're repaving roads. The money is available to improve Martin Luther King Park," Commissioner Maslotti said, noting that recreational projects help reduce juvenile crime and the school drop out rate.

"People don't look at the long term effect. Kids will get in trouble if we don't give them something to do." Refurbishing the park will provide an opportunity to create a nighttime sports league, while rehabilitation of the Lake Shore Community Center will provide a facility for the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office to sponsor indoor basketball, boxing and other after school programs.

Once the Lake Shore Middle School facility is up and running, the commissioner said, he would work to locate a similar facility in Pahokee. Commissioner Maslotti said

have that installed is in September, Mr. Cone said.

One local restaurant owner isn't waiting for the cities to improve the water quality.

Kenda Wilson, co-owner of the Black Gold Steakhouse in Belle Glade and South Bay's Fat Boy's Restaurant, said she has been buying bottled water for her customers.

She just installed a water filtration system in the Black Gold restaurant last week. She is having the system installed at Fat Boy's this week.

"It's costing me a fortune," she said.

Charlotte White, manager of the Drawbridge Cafe at the Belle Glade Marina, said she has had numerous complaints from customers. "People kept sending their drinks back. Our waitresses have been letting the customers know there is a problem with the water," she said.

"The water seems to have gotten better this week," said Mrs. White.

the infrastructure improvements as well as job training efforts are geared toward paving the way for the construction of hotels, bed and breakfast inns and other services to support the estimated 3 million people expected to visit the scenic trail once it's completed.

"The state has committed \$30 million to build the trail, but we have no services to support it," Commissioner Maslotti said. Calling Lake Okeechobee and the scenic trail "a big magnet for money," the commissioner said county staff have been assigned to promote the Lake as a tourist attraction, and projects that once the trail is complete and support services are in place, the Glades can expect to draw five percent of the 58 million tourists that visit Walt Disney World each year.

"The average person spends \$150 a day, per person on vacation. That kind of money has the potential to change a lot of lives, to create more employment opportunities, opportunities to improve education and quality of life," Commissioner

Maslotti said.

The commissioner said the state is currently working on a deal which would allow the Fajal family, which leases 700 acres owned by the state adjacent to the Pahokee airport, to instead purchase 800 acres in Martin County. The acreage near Pahokee could then be developed into a planned housing/shopping community, providing 2500 new homes in the \$50,000-\$200,000 price range to attract new residents to the area. Commissioner Maslotti said the idea is based on a ten year timetable, geared toward serving the projected 2400 new jobs expected to be created by the construction of the scenic trail.

"People in the school system could live here, instead of driving to work here and driving back to Wellington. They would spend their money in Pahokee,"

Mr. Maslotti said. "Things are turning around, you just don't see it yet."

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John Calebrese with the Internal Revenue Service spoke to Belle Glade Rotarians on May 22 about excise taxes and their enforcement.
Photo by Ed Rongioni

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receiving some complaints.

"It seems to be getting better," said Mr. Schenck. South Bay City Water and Wastewater Superintendent Rigo Muniz said South Bay has not had as much of a problem. The first couple of days when the South Florida Water Management District started lowering the lake we experienced some problems, but not much, he said.

Mr. Cone said in a letter released to the media this week that many municipalities along the lake are experiencing significant taste and odor problems. "This is due to a drop of the water level in the lake in preparation of the hurricane season and a severe lack of rain. As a result, the oxygen level and concentration of minerals and nutrients have caused severe algae bloom. This living material is very hard to neutralize and interferes with the clarification

process. Turbidity and color are harder to remove. As we try to oxidize these algae with a disinfectant (chlorine), the byproducts can be even more of a problem in terms of taste and odor," the report said.

The good news, according to Mr. Cone, is that the problem at the City of Pahokee and at the potable water plant in Bryant seems to be over the hump. The problem has now begun to disappear. This problem has shown up later in Belle Glade, with the canal as our water source, and will probably run its course similar to the other facilities.

The City of Belle Glade is currently in the design stages of an alternate raw water source that should reduce future taste and odor problems caused by algae, the report goes on to say.

The new intake pipe is scheduled to be installed in the Rim Canal by the Belle Glade Marina and the city's target date is

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Congratulations

"As a member of the Palm Beach County Sheriff's Office serving the Glades area, I would like to congratulate the City of Pahokee on hiring ex-captain of the PBDO, Gary Frechette as their new chief.

Gary is loyal, he is fair, he's hardworking and he is well-respected by all the law enforcement agencies near and far. If the City of Pahokee will work with their new chief, not only will they reap the rewards, but so will all the surrounding areas.

Gary will work with the people and his own people. He will get out and ride with the troops. Again Pahokee, congratulations. Our loss is your gain. Good luck, Chief Gary. I know you can do it."

Various concerns

"I'm calling because there are various problems associated with the Pahokee Housing Authority. Someone responded to the protesting that was done earlier in the month. My question to them is if PHA has done such a wonderful job, why is Fremd Village still left unopened.

If there was a meeting to discuss what color the resident's wanted, I was not notified about any colors or choices.

When are they going to paint the development and what color will it be painted and when are we supposed to get our new cabinets?

I also have a problem with the roaches at this facility. They send the men from a pest control company out to spray, but it doesn't help.

Also, we find it ridiculous the way the water is always off, maybe once or twice a week or every other week. I don't know what's going on with all these busted water lines. They need to let us know before they shut the water off.

Why don't they repair the entire system instead of having this happen all the time? This leaves us sometimes without a way to bathe, wash our clothes or dishes or cook a meal. We have been without water for an entire day.

This is ridiculous. Someone needs to do some-

thing about this because it is very inconvenient."

Editor's note: This Speak Out was edited to take out repetitious statements while hopefully retaining the caller's message. Also, this Speak Out was sent to Julia Hale, director at the PHA. She did not respond by deadline on Monday.

Prayer

"I'm calling about the 13-year-old boy who shot his teacher in Lake Worth. This is such a shame.

I just want to say that somebody needs to take into consideration and maybe put the prayer back in school to keep those children right.

I just don't know how schools can operate and not put God first to teach the children. The way this world is, prayer needs to be in there.

The world changes, but the Bible doesn't change.

They way we are going, some people are going to need to put their heads together and put prayer back in the schools. We all have different religions, but, let me tell you something, there is only one God.

There is a great need and demand to put prayer back in the schools. How can you expect to have a good day when you don't start it with prayer?"

Movie theater

"We want a movie theater between West Palm Beach and Belle Glade on interstate 80 if it is at all possible, or on the main street.

We want a movie theater so that everyone can be comfortable and secure in the area which we can go and view a movie just like they do in Clewiston.

Clewiston has a movie theater. Why can't we have a movie theater generated for all population and for all races of people?

It could be for black, white, Spanish or whatever as long as we are comfortable not in just one secluded area. We want it so that everyone can attend.

Thank you."

And to all our supporters I would also like to extend my sincere gratitude, including the City of Pahokee and the officials, the pastors and churches, the family members and friends who shared this very beautiful occasion with us.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Allie H. Biggs

Wife of the late Rev. Jesse Biggs Jr.

Dear Editor:

I would like to give a special thank you to Renee Atkins, coordinator of the Rev. Jesse Biggs Jr. Gospel Festival. I would also like to thank Pastor James W. White and the United Missionary Baptist Church for hosting the Rev. Jesse Biggs Jr. Gospel Festival in memory of a true patriot of Pahokee and the surrounding areas.

Editors note: The POLICE NEWS in this newspaper lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

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"I'm sorry, but you'll have to talk to my husband..I let him speak for himself..I just tell him whether he can do it or not"

Staying safe on campus a matter of preparation

By Stephanie Hamill
Radford University

Going to college is an exciting and sometimes scary step in any young adult's life. Parents, as well, experience a range of emotions, from pride to protectiveness. One of the common concerns students and parents share is campus safety. Although not on campus, parents can play a part in ensuring the safety of their child and, by learning a few campus safety tips, students can avoid becoming victims.

You hear about so much crime in the news, that I think there has been a general increase in sensitivity to and awareness of crime issues on campus," says Radford University Dean of Students Bonnie Hurlburt. A comprehensive university in Southwest Virginia, enrolling 8,500 students, RU has been ranked one of the nation's safest campuses by The Chronicle of Higher Education. Hurlburt says that although parents are not on campus, they can do several things to make sure their child is in a safe environment.

Talk to the prospective student about crime and go over basic common sense safety rules. "We are very open with the parents before and during our summer orientation. We give them a Security and Safety brochure and talk with them about encouraging their sons and daughters to use good sense," says Hurlburt. Chief of RU Police Toby Phillips agrees parents should discuss safety with their child and says that they should give instruction during the pre-teen and teenage years on being cautious and not being too trusting or taking risky chances.

Research the crime rates at institutions the student is interested in. Hurlburt emphasizes that, per the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act, public and private institutions of higher education that participate in any federal student aid programs are required to publicly disclose three years of campus crime statistics and basic security policies. She urges parents to research the campus crime reports of schools in which their child is interested. Many universities, including Radford, publish these statistics on their web site.

Nationwide statistics may also be obtained through the web site of The Chronicle of Higher Education (chronicle.com). Hurlburt notes, however, that the statistics reported are only campus crimes and that the parent should also take into account the crime rate of the city in which the school is located.

Review university safety policies with the student and call the university police office with any questions. Hurlburt notes that at Radford University orientation, parents are briefed on university policies as well as what extra services the university provides to ensure student safety, such as 24-hour police watch, outdoor emergency telephones, a police-provided escort service after dark and bicycle registration. Parents should call the school if they have questions about what services the school may or may not provide.

Phillips says that the most common crime problems on campuses across the nation are crimes against property, although violent crimes do occasionally occur. He recommends many personal safety tips to students so they can avoid becoming a victim.

* Don't walk alone and always be aware of your surroundings.

* Use public, well-lighted walkways and avoid any dark and isolated areas.

* Look alert and hold your keys in your hand when you are walking to your vehicle.

* Give your vehicle the quick once-over before entering, including looking in the back seat.

* If you are being followed, cross the street change direction, keep looking back so the person realizes you are aware of his/her presence, go to a well-lighted area, notice as many physical details of the person following you as possible and report the incident to the police.

* If you are alone in your room, an office or a classroom keep the door locked, always ask who is at the door before opening, never prop open locked exterior building doors and when you leave the room, always lock it even if you will only be gone a minute.

* Be careful whom you give personal information to.

* Always remain in control of yourself and your surroundings at social functions and be aware of the content and quantity of any beverages or other substances you consume.

Property protection tips include:

* Keep all cash, checks, credit cards, purses, etc., with you at all times. Never leave them unattended or unsecured.

* Keep your car locked at all times and store valuable items in the trunk.

* Store computers, lab equipment and audiovisual equipment in a locked classroom or office.

* Make a record of the serial number of both personal and university property in your room or office.

* Inscribe stereo, computers, etc. with your social security number. Many university police offices have an engraver available for loan.

* Lock all doors and windows in your room.

* Don't bring valuables, i.e. watch, jewelry, with you to athletic facilities.

* Write your name in ink on the inside cover of all textbooks, and do not leave them, or bookbags, unattended.

Basically, Phillips says it all comes down to common sense. Think about what you are doing to make sure you are not put into a compromising situation that makes you more vulnerable. If a crime does occur, the student should report it as soon as possible to the campus police and seek any help available, if needed. Most universities have counseling services for victims of crime. Contact the university's dean of students' office or information desk to learn more about what crisis and counseling services are available.



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The City of Belle Glade honored the Pathfinder Scholarship Awards recipients at Monday night's commission meeting. Present for the ceremony were James Hamilton, Glades Central, who won a scholarship in drama from the Northern Palm Beaches Chamber of Commerce and Lucricia Jackson, Glades Central, who won for academic excellence. The students are shown with Mayor Harna Miller.

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Story times

The Belle Glade Branch Library will offer Summer Story Times from June 8 through July 29, for ages 2-12. Pre-registration is required. Please call 996-3453 for dates, times and more information.

1996 class reunion

The Class of 1996 Glades Central High, will be having a pre-class reunion on Saturday, June 10 at 3 p.m. at Pioneer Park.

Every member of the class who plans to attend will need

to contribute \$5 to help with the cost of food by June 3. After that date the cost will be \$10.

For more information, contact Carla Little, Rhoden at 924-6414 anytime before 3 p.m. or Mr. and Mrs. Schultz at 993-4448 before 3 p.m. and 996-5520 after 3 p.m.

Stand for Children activities

A week of activities are planned for Stand for Children Day ending with a concert and festival at Lake Shore Park this Saturday, June 10 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

For more information, call

Lt. Curtis Stambaugh at 996-7270; Barbara Bell-Spence at 996-0111; Mary Harrell at 996-8087; Irene Clay at 996-3738 or Corey Wilkerson at 992-9500.

Women's Day

The annual Women's Day will be held at New Bethel Baptist Church, on Sunday, June 11 at 11 a.m. The theme is "Jesus Christ, The Same Yesterday, Today, and Forever." Speaker will be Barbara Wright and the colors for the event are red and white.

The church is located at 1101 West Avenue A, Belle Glade.

Capt. Figueroa/From Pg. 1 to prevent juvenile crime and domestic violence. That experience, he believes, will be useful in his position as Commander of District 5 and supervisor of the Eagle Academy in Palokoe.

"We want to be proactive in the truancy program. We should strive to keep children in school, because, when children are not in school, in many cases they're out there causing trouble," the captain said.

Not only does he expect deputies to work closely with the Truancy Intervention Program (TIPS), but the agency will also work closely with the school board policy to identify first time juvenile offenders eligible for the Teen Court diversion program.

The captain plans to meet with local principals over the summer to introduce the Youth Educational Series (YES) program, which was introduced on

the coast last year, replacing the old DARE (drug abuse resistance education) program.

"The DARE program was an excellent program, but times have changed and they wouldn't change the program. Because there are so many schools in Palm Beach County, we couldn't go into the elementary schools with DARE, it was primarily a middle school program.

The YES program, which emphasizes gang resistance, violence resistance and drug resistance, with a lot of emphasis on conflict resolution, is a shorter program and we hope to go into the elementary schools with it. By the time children get into middle school, many of them have already decided if they're going to be good or bad," the captain said.

Veteran DARE instructor Deputy Lee Sutterfield, who also supervises the District's

Explorers program, will head up the YES initiative while other deputies may be assigned as needed, the captain said.

The "Do the Right Thing" program, developed by the Community Police Unit in cooperation with the school district and local businesses and piloted at six area elementary schools this year, will continue next year and the Captain will be working with the Juvenile Task Force around the lake to expand juvenile crime prevention programs.

"We just took a bunch of kids to the Space Center as part of the 'Do the Right Thing' program.

"It doesn't take a lot of our time, but a lot of kids get recognition and a lot of times that's what they need. If they don't get attention for doing good things, then they'll seek attention by doing bad ones," the Captain said.

Being a weatherman is a great job



Mike Lyons

I've been told that I have the best job in the world. Not because I work on TV (although television has its perks), but because my job is the only profession where I can make mistakes every day yet not get fired.

I would agree with the original premise-I do have a great job-but it's not because I can seemingly get away with mistakes. I love what I do because I have a front row seat in the ever-changing world of weather. That's what makes my job so special.

Nature is awesome, full of surprises and always fascinating. And, just when I think I have a handle on things, the weather does something that makes my head spin.

And that's OK. In fact, a good slap on the side of the head is just what I need sometimes because, while I may never fully understand Nature, I will never lose my respect for her.

That's because every once in

a while, Mother Nature does something that is truly astonishing. Last year it was Hurricane Floyd but a few years ago it was another hurricane called Mitch.

You may not remember what Mitch did to Central America in 1998. The death toll was staggering, estimated at more than 11,000 with thousands of others missing. That made Mitch the deadliest Atlantic hurricane since the Great Hurricane of 1780, which killed around 22,000 people in the eastern Caribbean.

The President of Honduras, Carlos Flores Facusse, said the storm destroyed 50 years of progress. Altogether, Mitch affected more than three million people.

And, perhaps most surprising of all, Mitch did all of that as a weak tropical storm, not some powerful hurricane. Of course, at one point in his life, Mitch was a monster-a category five storm with sustained winds of 180 mph. National Hurricane Center statistics indicate Mitch is the fourth strongest hurricane ever recorded in the Atlantic basin.

And Mitch retained that rare status for a remarkably long period of time. Mitch was a category five hurricane for 33 consecutive hours, while producing sustained winds of 180 mph for 15 hours. It truly was an awesome display of power.

But the storm weakened before making landfall in

Central America. We didn't have a category five down here," said Jerry Jerrell, the recently-retired Director of the National Hurricane Center. "It was the rain that killed those folks."

The rain that never seemed to stop. Jerrell's not sure how much rain fell in Honduras and Nicaragua (no one is) but, based on satellite photographs, he came up with a pretty good estimate.

"We guess that Mitch produced 50 to 75 inches of rain," he said. These numbers, while extraordinarily high, are not unreasonable considering the tropical location and the altitude of the mountainous terrain.

Hurricane Flora produced similar or even higher precipitation totals from Cuba in 1963. And Hurricane Georges dropped some 4 feet of rain in Haiti and the Dominican Republic two years ago.

In his 1994 book, University of Miami professor David E. Fisher writes, "the scariest place on Earth is directly in the path of an onrushing category 5 hurricane." He's right, of course, but as we saw with Hurricane Mitch, a weak storm in the wrong place at the right time can be just as deadly.

As I said, I have a great job but sometimes that front row seat is not very pretty.

(Mike Lyons is the chief weather forecaster for WBBF-TV)

CRIME STOPPERS



Ralph Leroy Jordan

Crime Stoppers of Palm Beach County, Inc., is asking citizens to help locate **Ralph Leroy Jordan**, who is wanted for failure to appear on charges of carrying a concealed weapon by a convicted felon, possession of cocaine and possession of marijuana.

Jordan is a black male, 6'2" tall, and weighs 160 pounds. He has black hair and brown eyes and his date of birth is September 15, 1976. He has a tattoo

on his chest. His last known address was 412 N.W. 4th Avenue, Boynton Beach.

His last occupation is unknown. His warrant was active as of May 30, 2000.

If you know the whereabouts of **Ralph Leroy Jordan** or anyone involved in a serious crime, call Crime Stoppers at 1-800-458-8477. You can remain anonymous and still receive a cash reward if your tip leads to an arrest.

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Arrest Blotters

Editor's note: The police news on this page lists arrests, not convictions, unless otherwise stated. Arrested persons who later are found not guilty or have had the charges against them dropped are welcome to let us know. We will confirm the information and print it.

SOUTH BAY

The South Bay Police Department made 13 arrests the week of May 28-June 3.

Those arrested included:

May 28 - Lonnie C. Brown, 32, aggravated battery; **Jose Rodriguez, 48,** violation of the open container law; **Juvenile, 12,** trespassing; **Juvenile, 13,** trespassing; **Juvenile, 12,** trespassing; **Juvenile, 10,** trespassing; **Juvenile, 9,** trespassing.

May 29 - No arrests made.

May 30 - Sammie L. Smith, 42, warrant arrest for failure to appear.

May 31 - Juvenile, 17, trespassing; **June 1 - Juvenile, 13,** trespassing; **Juvenile, 14,** trespassing; **Reinald McKelvin, 28,** battery.

June 2 - Juvenile, 12, trespassing.

June 3 - No arrests made.

BELLE GLADE

The Belle Glade Police Department handled 528 complaints and gave 8 traffic citations the week of May 29-June 4.

Those arrested included:

May 29 - Robert Steward, 28, violation of probation and two counts of failure to appear on traffic citations.

May 30 - Bobby Lee Turner, 45, armed burglary to a business, petty theft, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and carrying a concealed weapon by a convicted felon; **Orlando Hernandez, 27,** aggravated battery; **Erica Bledsoe, 27,** grand theft auto; **Frednie Lee Taylor, 33,** retail theft; **Inez Martin, 43,** violation of conditions of pretrial release.

May 31 - Brenda Hill, 35, disorderly intoxication; **Juvenile, 15,** aggravated assault with a deadly weapon.

June 1 - Andrew Harold, 40, burglary to a dwelling; **Brenda Hill, 35,** aggravated assault with a deadly weapon; **Darren Hatcher, 29,** tampering with a witness; **Jay Sykes, 18,** disorderly conduct in a food establishment and a warrant for trespassing on school property; **Curtis Franklin, 32,** attempted first degree murder.

June 2 - Juvenile, 13, burglary to a conveyance and petty theft; **Desmond Matthews, 36,** possession of marijuana over 20 grams and possession of marijuana with intent to sell.

June 3 - Juvenile, 16, retail theft.

June 4 - Allen Brunson, 40, possession of cocaine, possession of narcotic paraphernalia and possession of altered identification.

PAHOKEE

The Pahokee Police Department handled 197 calls, issued 8 traffic citations and made 5 arrests the week of May 29-June 4.

Those arrested included:

May 29 - Kelvin L. Walker, 26, domestic battery.

May 30 - No arrests made.

May 31 - Barbara Washington, 25, aggravated battery; **Geno Toie, 18,** battery on a detention staff member.

June 1 - Molly Sue Wetherington, 41, domestic battery.

June 2 - Juvenile, 17 picked up on a warrant.

June 3 - No arrests made.

June 4 - No arrests made.



Captain Jose Figueroa of Palm Beach County-Sheriff's Office District 5 presented a check for \$6,300 from the Sheriff's Office Law Enforcement Trust Fund to Dr. Effie Grear for the Criminal Justice Academy. He also presented a plaque to Dr. Grear from Sheriff Bob Neumann for her dedication to education and the criminal justice program during Senior Class Night May 23.

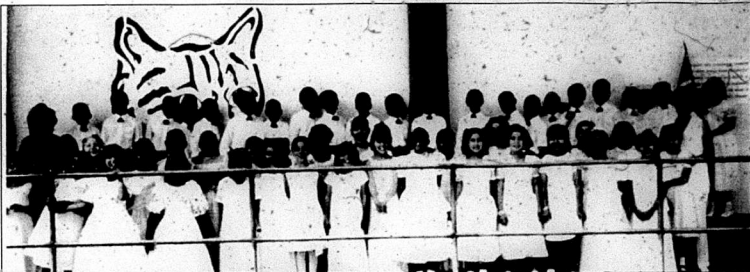


"Heaven on Earth" was the theme of Glades Day School's prom on Friday, May 5. The event was held at the Belle Glade Elks Lodge and decorations were done by members of the Junior class with the help of parents and school sponsors Dorinda Shutt, Sharon Baumgartner, Peter Paulus and Marian Priman.

Cards designed by children to raise funds for RCMA

As the Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) celebrates its 35th anniversary, they are gearing up for their second annual Christmas card fundraiser. Several agricultural organizations are sponsoring this fundraising effort to raise money and awareness for the family service organization. Redlands Christian Migrant Association (RCMA) a non-profit organization, services the families and children of seasonal and migrant workers in Florida. The sale of colorful, original Christmas cards and note cards designed by children attending RCMA's child development centers generated just under \$16,000 last year. Net proceeds from the card sales fund RCMA programs and services such as health care, after school care and day care, as well as special programs such as Head Start for the children and families of seasonal farm labor. "RCMA is a fine organization that provides child-care and other support services, especially important to people who work in our industry," said Florida Citrus Mutual Executive Vice President, Andy LaVigne. The Christmas cards, along with a selection of all-occasion note cards, will be available to agricultural companies and organizations, as

well as to the general public. Plans for this year's holiday fundraiser are already in the making. Businesses and individuals interested in supporting this year's card project should call RCMA toll-free at 1-888-445-7415, and ask to be put on the mailing list for promotional information. "We appreciate all contributions of time and services that members of the agriculture community and associated industries have devoted to this project," said George Sorn, president of RCMA. "And we are grateful for those who choose our cards to send to family and friends over the holidays." The steering committee for the fundraiser is made up of staff and board members from RCMA and volunteers from Florida Citrus Mutual, Florida Farm Bureau, Florida Fruit and Vegetable Association and A. Duda & Sons, Inc. Additional contributions of time and services will be provided for the second year by Meister Publishing Company, Vance Publishing Corp. and Magnolia Press, as well as other agricultural companies and organizations. Founded in 1965, RCMA in 21 counties throughout Florida and serves 6,000 to 7,000 children each year.



Mrs. Aguirre's second grade students from Gove Elementary celebrated "The End of the Year" with a musical. The theme was "America as One." Each student represented a country in North and South America. The opening song was Himo Immortal. They ended the celebration with "America the Beautiful." Pictured with her is Mrs. Santibanez.

Students to visit Minnesota pen pals

This school year students in Glades Central's Communities in Schools (CIS) program have been writing to their pen pals at Wayzata High School in a suburb of Minneapolis, Minn. This has been a chance for the students to develop better writing skills while they learn how much they have in common even though they come from different cultures. What started as a pen pal project between Glades Central CIS teacher Anne Haskell and Wayzata H.S. science teacher Boosie Anderson has grown. On June 2, 12 Glades Central students left on an 18-day trip to visit their pen pals. They visited the

Civil Rights Memorial and the Lincoln Log Cabin on their way to Minnesota. Upon arrival they will spend a week with their host families and attend Wayzata High School. While there they will also make trips to Paul Bunyan Land in Brainerd, Lower Cullen Lake in Nisswa, the North Shore of Lake Superior and Mall of America. When the students leave Minnesota they will travel to Milwaukee where they will visit MATA, Milwaukee's public access TV station, and be assisted by Jamal Currie, Video Tech Education Coordinator and former Glades Central student to make a

TV program about their trip. They will then spend two days in Chicago visiting museums and other sites of interest. From there they will travel through Great Smokey National Park, stop at the Martin Luther King Center for Non-Violent Social Action in Atlanta and return home June 19. The trip would not have been possible without the help of CIS of Palm Beach County, Inc. who helped to acquire grants for the project and contributors Mr. and Mrs. Homer Hand, Dr. Mary Ann Dupont, Dr. Hoda Hossaini and the Local Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Belle Glade.

Jackson receives National Black Mayors Conference scholarship

Lucritia Jackson of South Bay is the recipient of a \$1,000 scholarship from the National Conference of Black Mayors, Inc. (NCBM), an organization representing nearly 500 African American mayors. NCBM presented the award to Ms. Jackson, along with eight other students from across the country, at its 26th Annual Convention in Dallas April 27 at the Fannie Lou Hamer Freedom Award Luncheon. The scholarship is intended to assist the students with their college tuition and/or books at the college of their choice. South Bay Mayor Clarence Anthony, an active member of NCBM, said he is pleased that, a South Bay student is being recognized for her civic involvement and scholarship. "We're happy to help with a child's college education by providing some money to help our youth who are our leaders of tomorrow," said Mayor Anthony. Recipients of the NCBM scholarships were required to submit a

statement outlining his/her interest in community issues and practices as well as demonstrating skill or volunteer work. In order to apply for the scholarship, the student must be a resident in an active NCBM municipality for one year, a high school senior in good academic standing and accepted or planning to enroll in an accredited college or vocational program. All recipients of the NCBM scholarship had a minimum 2.5 grade point average and each was nominated by his/her mayor as well as their churches, schools or leadership groups. Headquartered in Atlanta, NCBM is a nonpartisan, nonprofit organization which provides administrative and technical assistance to member mayors and articulates the membership's concerns on national policy. NCBM scholarships will be awarded annually, contingent upon the availability of funds, and are open to all applicants.

Free concert at Good Shepherd



L-R are Harriet Meriz, Fran Mask, Tom Milo and Lisa Anderson.

Members of FAFF (Fun & Friendly Fellowship) of Pahokee is hosting Harriet Meriz and "Two Plus One" at Good Shepherd Church of God in Pahokee on Tuesday, June 20 at 12:30 p.m. The performers believe that music and dance is the epitome of classic American entertainment, and will present selections from "The Sound of Music," "West Side Story,"

"Porgy & Bess," and "Hello Dolly." A talented local artist, Marian Hutton, will accompany Harriet with flute on several numbers. Lisa Anderson (Marian's daughter), Fran Mask and Tom Milo, who is a prize winning dancer and choreographer, are "Two Plus One." The event is free and open to the public.

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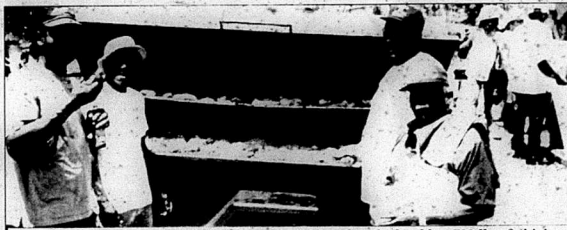


Sports this week

Lion's Club Braves softball team places first



Members of the Lion's Club Braves took first place in the Dixie League Girl's Softball tournament recently. Shown, front row, from left are: Krystal Figueroa, Brandy Johnson, Jayna Key, Kirsten Duff, Kaitlyn Rodriguez, Leanna Robinson. Back row, from left are: David Key, Jessie Figueroa, Vaneza Roa, Brooke Allen, Keren Rodriguez, Elizabeth Yance, Jamie Alvarez and Sherry Yance. See next week's edition of The Sun for more winners.



The South Shore Cricket Club served over 300 lbs. of pork shoulder, 700 lb. of chicken leg quarters and lots of corn on the cob during their annual picnic May 14.

South Shore Cricket Club has record-setting game

The South Shore Cricket Club of Belle Glade had a record-setting game against the Challenger's Cricket Club of Miami on Sunday. South Shore scored 304 points, the highest score ever for the team.

They were led by Maysy Gayle who scored 100 points and Mr. Griffiths, who scored 61 points. South Shore won by 98 points as the Challenger's team scored 206 points.

South Shore will host a team from Central Florida on Sunday, May 28 at John Stretch Park in Lake Harbor.

The visiting team will be led by former West Indies player Mr. Easud Bacchus and Mr. Donald Clarke, former South Shore batting star.

Established in 1962, over 1,400 attended the South Shore Cricket Club's 9th annual picnic at John Stretch Park in Lake Harbor May 14.

Panther expert optimistic but concerned

Florida Panther kittens are born at twice the endangered predator's death rate. This and other encouraging signs are cause for cautious optimism, according to a top panther expert.

Darrell Land, Florida Research Team leader with the Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission (FWC), is reasonably confident that the panthers will be around for at least the next 25 years. Survival beyond that point is dependent on long-term habitat protection.

This guarded optimism is supported by the recent slight to moderate increase in the big cat's wild population.

Land estimates the population of Florida panthers at near 70, a promising increase from past estimates of 30 to 50. The overall health of the panthers is also cause for tempered confidence.

Land's Panther Research Team, based in Naples, intensified its study of young panthers during the past decade. They learned the kitten birth rate was nearly double

that of the panther mortality rate. This pleasant surprise suggests the panthers benefitted from various conservation measures, especially key land acquisition in south Florida.

Land cites significant habitat acquisition in the last decade as the single most important factor in the species continued survival and recent population spurt.

These purchases were funded by the state legislature through Project 2000 and the Forever Florida Act.



Well known Cricket player Lawrence George was among those who attended the South Shore Cricket Club's annual picnic May 14.

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Mr. and Mrs. Bobby (Gladys Walker) Moore

Walker-Moore wed

Gladys D. Walker and Bobby Moore, Sr. of Belle Glade were married June 3, 2000 at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Belle Glade.

The bride is the daughter of Catherine Walker of Belle Glade and James Walker of Frostrua Alabama. She is a 1981 graduate of Glades Central Community High School and is employed as a bus driver with the Palm Beach County School Board.

The groom is the son of the late High Moore and Hattie Moore of Stillmore, Ga. He is a 1976 graduate of Glades Central Community High School and is employed as a Lube Truck operator with Ranger Construction, Inc.

The couple will reside in Belle Glade.

Military News

Army Pvt. Kelvin K. Spencer has arrived at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga., to complete basic military training. During the training, the soldier will receive instruction in drill and ceremonies, map reading, tactics, military customs, and courtesies, physical fitness, first aid and Army history and traditions.

Pvt. Spencer is the son of Linda D. Anderson of Belle Glade.

Army Pvt. Jimmie L. Felton Jr. has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Knox, Ky.

During the training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesies, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Pvt. Felton is the son of Jimmie L. Felton and Barbara Gibbons both of Belle Glade. He is the nephew of Pateshia Vickers also of Belle Glade.

Army Pvt. Willie F. Washington Sr. has graduated from basic combat training at Fort Jackson, Columbia, S.C.

During the training, the soldier received instruction and practice in drill and ceremony, marching, rifle marksmanship, armed and unarmed combat, map reading, field tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions.

Pvt. Washington is the son of Angela Livingston and the grandson of Rebecca Lawrence, both of Belle Glade.

He is a graduate of Glades Central High School.

Thompson named to Dean's List at CMSU

Wright Thompson of Belle Glade earned a place on the Dean's List at Central Missouri State University in Warrensburg for the spring semester.

Each semester the Dean's List is divided into two parts. The first list includes the

names of students who have achieved a perfect 4.0 grade point average and the second list includes the names of students who attained a g.p.a. of 3.5 to 3.99.

Mr. Thompson's academic work earned him a place on the 3.5 to 3.99 list.

Staci Turbeville completes master's degree at UF

Staci Turbeville graduated Saturday, May 6 with a Masters of Education Degree from the University of Florida. She graduated with honors and completed a specialization in reading.

While attending the University of Florida Miss Turbeville was a member of Golden Key National Honor Society and Kappa Delta Phi Honor Society. She earned the President's Award and was on the Dean's List throughout her three years at UF.

Staci is originally from Pahokee. She graduated from Okeechobee High School and then attended Indian River Community College. Staci is



Staci Turbeville

the daughter of Terry and Joi Turbeville of Okeechobee. She is the granddaughter of Thelma Crady of Pahokee and L.P. and Lillie Mae Turbeville of Canal Point.

Obituary

Samuel S. Scruggs Jr., 73, passed away Tuesday, May 30, 2000 at Glades General Hospital.

Mr. Scruggs was born at Otter Creek, Florida in 1926 and moved to Belle Glade from Lake Wales, Florida and had been a resident of the Glades for 38 years. He worked as a sales manager for Hugh H. Branch Inc. for many years.

Mr. Scruggs was a veteran serving in the U.S. Air Force during World War II. He was also a member of the American Legion, Post 20 in Belle Glade and the Belle Glade Elks Lodge.

Survivors include his loving wife, Wilma of Belle Glade; sons, Samuel S. Scruggs I of Cleveiston, Jon Allan Scruggs of Dallas, Texas; daughters Rhonda Carter of Wellington, Twila York of Belle Glade, Tammy Watkins of Dallas, Texas; one brother, George Scruggs of Ft. Walton Beach, Florida; one sister, Martha Clarke of Jacksonville.

Funeral services were Friday, June 2 at the First Baptist Church in Belle Glade with Rev. Gary Folds officiating. Interment was at Port Mayaca Cemetery. Arrangements were by Glades Funeral Chapel.

Dean's List

Two Belle Glade students, Michelle Dianne Herring and Derek Martin Lamb of Belle Glade have been named to the Spring 2000 Dean's List at Valdosta State University in Valdosta, Ga.

To make the Dean's List students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 and must have a semester g.p.a. of at least 3.66 with at least 10 hours of course work.

Holly Rene' to compete in Las Vegas, Nevada

Holly Rene' (Mohney) will be competing at the Showboat Hotel in Las Vegas, Nevada, in the Country Music Organization of America's 14th Annual Performer/Songwriter Competition the week of Oct. 16-22. She earned this honor by competing at the county and state levels of the Florida Country Music Association this past year, where she won Female Vocalist in the Gospel division, and runner up in the Female Vocalist, Country division at the county (or Palm Beach Chapter) level. She also

won runner up as Female Vocalist, Gospel Division at the state level.

In addition to the competition, Holly Rene' will perform in several Talent Showcases. Holly Rene', 16, is a junior at Okeechobee High School and was born and raised in Pahokee until moving to Okeechobee a few years ago.

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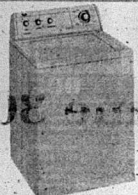
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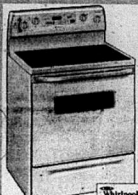
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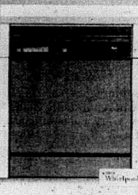
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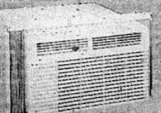
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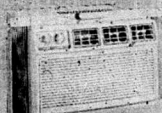
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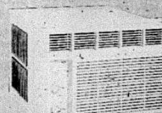
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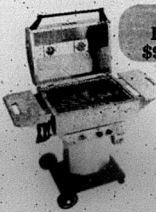


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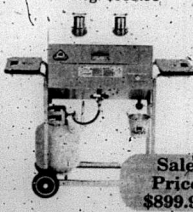


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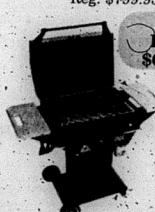
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